

EECS 481 — Software Engineering

Spring 2020 — Exam #1

- There are seven (7) questions in this exam, each with multiple parts. Some questions span multiple pages. If you get stuck on a question, move on and come back to it later.
- Once you download this exam, you have two (2) hours to complete and upload it. If you encounter technical difficulties, email the staff immediately.
- This exam is open book, notes, and Internet. *You may not communicate with others while completing this exam.* You can email the staff, make *private* Piazza posts, or use Slack to send direct messages to staff. We will try to respond during the hours of 11AM to 11PM Eastern time on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- You will complete the exam by filling in the accompanying `exam-answers.txt` files. Once complete, submit `exam-answers.txt` alone to the course website: <https://dijkstra.eecs.umich.edu/kleach/eecs481/shibboleth/exam-submit.php>.
- Solutions will be graded on correctness and clarity. Each problem has a relatively simple and straightforward solution. We may deduct points if your solution is far more complicated than necessary.
- If you leave a non-extra-credit portion of the exam blank or drawn an X through it, **you will receive one-third of the points (e.g., $4/3 = 1.33$), for that portion for not wasting time.**

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1 Software Process Narrative (13 points)

(1 pt. each) Read the following narrative. Fill in each ____ blank with the single *most specific or appropriate* corresponding concept from the answer bank. (Each ____ blank does have *exactly one* corresponding answer.) Each option *can* be used more than once.

A. Alpha Testing	B. Agile Development	C. Beta Testing	D. Build Automation
E. Comparator	F. Dataflow Analysis	G. Development Process	H. Dynamic Analysis
I. Formal Code Inspection	J. Invariant	K. Integration Testing	L. Maintainability
M. Mocking	N. Oracle	O. Passaround Code Review	P. Path Predicate
Q. Perverse Incentive	R. Quality Property	S. Risk	T. Requirements
V. Software Metric	W. Spiral Development	X. Static Analysis	Y. Threat to Validity
Z. Waterfall Model			

- (a) ____ A developer decides to use `gdb` to debug a segmentation fault at runtime.
- (b) ____ The manager of the *Sprightly Software Company* decides to plan effort in two-week sprints, with daily stand-up meetings.
- (c) ____ The leadership of a software company decides to provide bonuses to developers based on the average number of bugs fixed per 1,000 lines of code.
- (d) ____ In class, we discussed pacemaker software that allowed attackers to kill patients by wirelessly disabling pacemakers. A company responsible for such software can consider adopting various processes to help account for this aspect of project delivery.
- (e) ____ The database company *Debaacle* decides to adopt a process where they deliver prototypes every three months. Each prototype phase, they gather any changing requirements, design and implement software that meet these new requirements, and deliver the next prototype.
- (f) ____ While inspecting a program with many sequential if statements, you carefully design a test input that causes a specific set of if statements to be taken.
- (g) ____ In an effort to improve the readability of your code, your teammate reduces its Halstead volume. He says that maintainable code must have a minimal Halstead volume. However, you point out that his most recent commit was an unreadable mess with a deceptively low Halstead volume. What does that say about the applicability of the Halstead volume?
- (h) ____ Visual Studio embeds a numerical computation for approximating the complexity of code.
- (i) ____ The company *Repo Men* writes software for prosthetic hearts. They should consider adopting a process for thoroughly discovering defects. One manager proposes gathering a team of five engineers to prepare comments and evaluate checklists with respect to source code.
- (j) ____ A function `Circumference` accepts a single floating point parameter, `radius`, always returns the value $2*PI*radius$.

- (k) ---- In a certain development team, both the user interface and database connector are complete and pass all test cases. However, a new bug seems to pop up when the software runs end-to-end.
- (l) ---- In an effort to modernize, the company *Pineapple* decides to release prototypes on a more frequent basis. Additionally, engineers must use 2-space Tabs and adopt the use of CamelCase in their code.
- (m) ---- After gathering feedback from other developers, the *Happy Lizards* game team allows users to pay for an early release of software to gather feedback.

2 Testing and Coverage (22 points)

Consider the following program. Statements of interest are labeled S_1 through S_5.

```

1  int amazing (int x, int y, int z) {
2    if ( x > 0 ) {
3      S_1;
4      if ( z < 3 ) {
5        S_2;
6      } else {
7        S_3;
8      }
9    }
10   if ( x != -1 || y == 0 && z > (2 * y) ) {
11     S_4;
12   } else {
13     S_5;
14   }
15 }

```

- (a) (1 pt. each row) In the table below, identify integer values for x , y , and z that result in the coverage specified in the table, or indicate that it is not possible.

Statements covered	x	y	z	Not possible
S_2, S_4	-----	-----	-----	-----
S_4	-----	-----	-----	-----
S_2, S_3, S_4	-----	-----	-----	-----
S_2, S_3, S_4	-----	-----	-----	-----
S_1, S_2, S_5	-----	-----	-----	-----
S_1, S_4	-----	-----	-----	-----
S_1, S_2, S_4	-----	-----	-----	-----
S_1, S_3, S_5	-----	-----	-----	-----

Next, consider the function below. Against, statements of interest are labelled S_1 through S_4.

```

1  int ShuaiDaiLe (int x, int y, int z) {
2      if ( x != 1 ) {
3          S_1;
4          if ( y > 3  &&  z < 0 ) {
5              S_2;
6          } else {
7              S_3;
8          }
9      }
10     if ( x > 1  &&  y == x ) {
11         S_4;
12     }
13 }

```

- (b) (2 pts. each row) In the table below, you are given values of x , y , and z . In the corresponding blanks, fill in the Path Coverage count for each test case (i.e., report how many unique paths are executed; do *not* report a percentage).

x	y	z	Path coverage (count)
0	0	1	-----
2	1	0	-----
-1	-1	-1	-----
0	1	2	-----
0	-1	-1	-----
-1	-1	2	-----

- (c) (2 pts.) Identify any one path predicate from the program above that executes a unique path through the program.

3 Short Answer (20 points)

(a) (1 pt.) In a few words, identify which phase of software development costs the most amount of money and resources?

(b) (1 pt.) In one sentence, describe what the `afl-gcc` program does to source code.

(c) (2 pts.) In two or fewer sentences, support or refute the claim that all developers should participate in alpha testing at the end of every sprint or project milestone.

(d) (3 pts.) Identify *two* risks associated with adopting dynamic analysis techniques at a company that currently does not use any. Identify a *measurement* that could be used to reduce each risk.

(e) (3 pts.) A fresh startup called *FaceBack* has designed software that can identify the back of a person's head given a picture of their face. Some team members support adopting an official company list restricting which programming languages can be used as the team grows. In three or fewer sentences, support or refute the use of such approved programming language lists in terms of risk management and process.

(f) (2 pts.) Consider a program with five sequential `if` statements that accepts five boolean inputs. Assuming each condition evaluates a single unique input, what is the minimum number of test cases required to achieve 100% Path coverage? Condition coverage?

(g) (3 pts.) In three or fewer sentences, support or refute the claim that Microsoft's Maintainability Index helps identify difficult-to-read code.

(h) (1 pt.) Give one example of a tool used for code review.

(i) (2 pts.) Suppose you are building a large C program that comes with a `configure` script. Further suppose that you want to use a custom version of `gcc` located in `/usr/local/bin/481-gcc` and pass the flags `-O3 -Wall`. Assuming you are working in the same directory as the `configure` script. Identify the command input to successfully configure this project.

- (j) (2 pts.) In three sentences or fewer, describe the differences between spiral development and waterfall development.

4 Invariant Detection and Mutants (15 points)

Consider the code snippet below:

```

1  int rose ( int a, int b ) {
2      int x = 0;
3
4      if (a <= 0 || b <= 0 ) {
5          return -1;
6      }
7      if (a > 6 || b > 6) {
8          return -1;
9      }
10
11     if (a == 3 || a == 5) {
12         x += (a - 1);
13     }
14     if (b == 3 || b == 5) {
15         x += (b - 1);
16     }
17     return x;
18 }
```

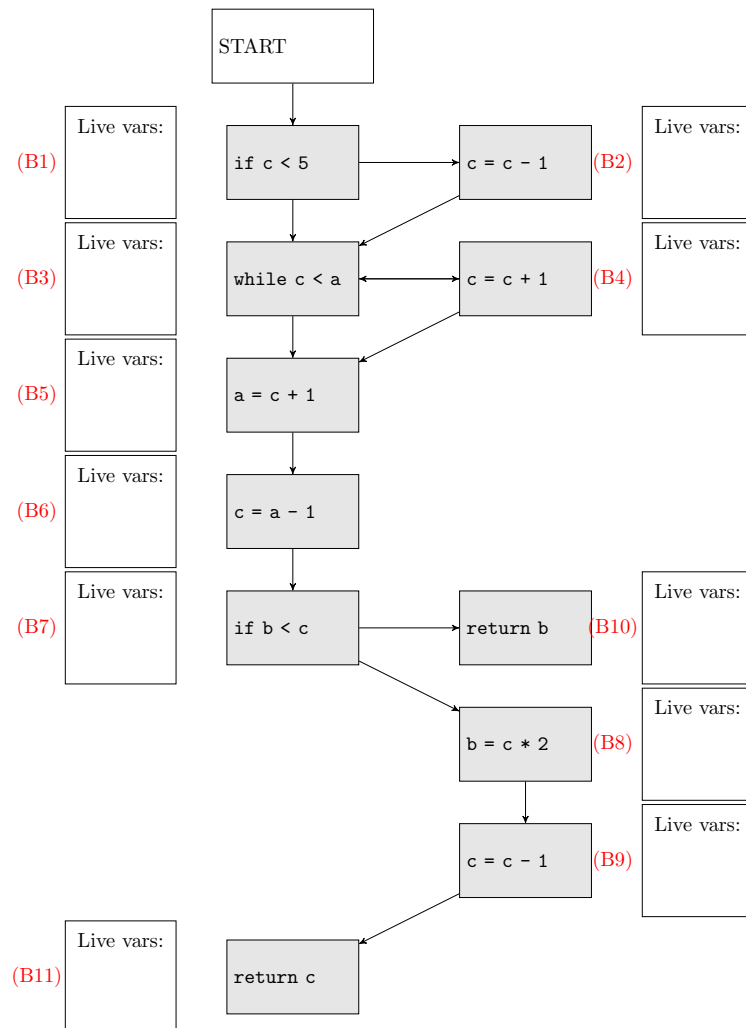
- (a) (3 pts. each row) In the table below, several candidate invariants are listed. For each candidate, EITHER (1) specify a test case in terms of a and b that *falsifies* the candidate, OR (2) identify a first-order mutant that leads you to *retain* the candidate. (Fill in the appropriate column).

Invariant Description	a	b	Falsifying mutation (if needed)
rose $\leq 2b$ for all a and b	-----	-----	On Line ____, change ----- to -----
rose is nonnegative and even for all a and b	-----	-----	On Line ____, change ----- to -----
rose is even for all a and b	-----	-----	On Line ____, change ----- to -----
rose $\leq a + b$ for odd a and b	-----	-----	On Line ____, change ----- to -----
rose < 12 for all a and b	-----	-----	On Line ____, change ----- to -----

5 Dataflow Analysis (20 points)

Consider a *live variable* dataflow analysis for *three* variables, *a*, *b* and *c*. We associate with each variable a separate analysis fact: either the variable is possibly read on a later path before it is overwritten (live) or it is not (dead). We track the *set* of live variables at each point: for example, if *a* and *b* are alive but *c* is not, we write $\{ a, b \}$. The special statement `return` reads, but does not write, its argument. (You must determine if this is a forward or backward analysis.)

- (a) (18 pts.) Complete this live variable dataflow analysis for *a*, *b* and *c* by filling in each Live Vars. box with the *set* of live variables *just before* that point in the program.



- (b) (2 pts.) Support or refute the claim that a statement with no live variables can be removed without affecting the program's correctness.

6 Dynamic Analyses (10 points)

Consider a concurrent system in which two threads share a common variable, m . Each thread is executing the code shown below.

```
1 while (true) {
2   lock(A);
3   m := 6;
4   m := m + 1;
5   unlock(A);
6   m := 8;
7   lock(B);
8   m := m + 1;
9   unlock(B);
10 }

1 while (true) {
2   lock(A);
3   m := m + 1;
4   unlock(A);
5   lock(B);
6   m := m + 1;
7   unlock(B);
8 }
```

Assume that two mutual exclusion locks are present: A and B . In this setup, the `lock` method acquires the named lock, while `unlock` releases it. If thread 1 attempts to run `lock(A)` but thread 2 currently holds the lock, then thread 1 must wait until thread 2 runs `unlock(A)`.

- (a) (2 pts.) Identify whether any race conditions are present with respect to variable m .
- (b) (8 pts.) Justify your answer. *If there is a race condition present*, specify the line number, then explain the sequence of events that exposes the race condition. *If there is no race condition*, explain why the calls to `lock` and `unlock` will never allow unsafe access to variable m . In either case, you can say things like “Thread 1 acquires lock A ” or “Thread 2 writes $x + 1$ to variable y .”

7 Extra Credit (1 pt each; we are tough on reading questions)

- (a) *(Feedback)* What is your least favorite thing about this class?

- (b) *(Feedback)* What is your most favorite thing about this class?

- (c) *(Psychology)* Provide an example of confirmation bias.

- (d) *(Psychology)* Explain the McNamara fallacy in your own words.

- (e) *(Random)* What is your favorite text editor?

- (f) *(Your Choice Reading)* Identify any **optional** reading. Write a sentence about it that convinces us that you read it critically. (Our subjective judgment applies here!).

- (g) *(Your Choice Reading 2)* Identify any different **optional** reading. Write a sentence about it that convinces us that you read it critically. (Our subjective judgment applies here!).